

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, and 11-26, are pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed October 4, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-21, and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fayad et al. (US Pub 2005/0010104), hereinafter Fayad ('104). The Examiner next rejected claims 4 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fayad ('104) in view of Parker et al. (Improved Efficiency in Double-Inversion Fast Spin-Echo Imaging. *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*. 47:1017-1021. 2002) hereinafter Parker (2002), previously made of record.

Claim 11 was objected to by the Examiner for depending from a canceled claim. Applicant has amended claim 11 to depend from claim 7. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the objection to claim 11.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 7, 13, 19, and 25 as being anticipated by Fayad. Applicant has filed concurrently herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 antedating the Fayad reference. Since Fayad should no longer be available as prior art, Applicant believes that a prima facie case of anticipation has not been made. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 7, 13, 19, and 25 and all claims depending therefrom.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-8, and 11-26.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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